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# VOLUNTARY WELL REGISTRATION PROGRAM

(A condition of the Zuni Indian Water Rights Settlement)

On November 27, 2006, the Little Colorado River (LCR) Adjudication Court approved the Zuni Indian Tribe Water Rights Settlement. A condition of the settlement agreement is that the Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR) prepare a catalog of existing non-exempt (designed to pump greater than 35 gallons per minute) wells in the Eastern LCR Basin. A map of the basin is attached.

ADWR released a preliminary well catalog for the area in December 2008. Included in the catalog are non-exempt wells listed in ADWR's well registry (WELLS 55 database). The preliminary catalog is available for review at local libraries and county assessors' offices and under "Hot Topics" at ADWR's website ([www.azwater.gov](http://www.azwater.gov)). A final well catalog is due to the Court by December 2009.

Before the well catalog is finalized, the settlement agreement requires that ADWR implement a "**voluntary well registration program.**" The purpose of the program is to allow for registration of existing wells in the area that are not currently registered. Owners of unregistered wells are encouraged to register their wells with ADWR. Non-exempt wells identified through the voluntary program will be listed in the final well catalog submitted to the Court. The Zuni Tribe and United States have agreed in the settlement to not "object to, dispute, or challenge" the withdrawal and use of underground water from existing non-exempt wells in the basin.

ADWR has established procedures for late registration of wells. Application processing fees are \$10.00 for exempt and \$20.00 for non-exempt wells. If you believe you are the owner of an unregistered well, please contact the Supervisor of the Notice of Intent (NOI) Program at 602-771-8646 for more information. The necessary paperwork ("**Late Registration of a Well**" **Form DWR 55-65**) can be downloaded from ADWR's website ([www.azwater.gov](http://www.azwater.gov)). Just click on "Wells" under "Find a Program" and scroll down to "Well Forms." Completed forms may be mailed to ADWR at the following address:

**Arizona Department of Water Resources  
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P.O. Box 33589  
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*To be considered for inclusion in ADWR's final well catalog, please submit late registration well forms on or before September 1, 2009.*